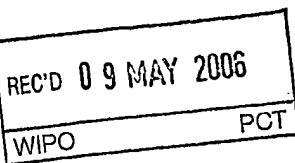


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 25	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 25	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 25	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Cited documents:

D1: US20030106496 A1
 D2: US6626130 B1
 D3: WO02075284 A2

The present invention relates to an apparatus and method for cleaning and pre-milking a teat of a milking animal. The method includes the steps of cleaning and pre-milking while establishing that milk is extracted, measuring a quality, comparing the measured quality with a reference and indicating whether the milk should be mixed with milk from another animal. The apparatus comprises devices enabling the method.

The cited D1, representing the closest prior art, reveals a method and device for foremilking cattle as well as cleaning their teats and testing the milk, see abstract.

D1 further describes separation of milk with disorder and this naturally implies a comparison value. I.e. there has to be something to compare with. This does not have to be foremilk, however, because it could be rinsing water or cleaning liquid, since D1 does not teach pre-milking sensing means for establishing that milk is in fact extracted from a teat.

The invention is novel, and, contrary to what is indicated in the search report, it is deemed to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 the claims:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 the drawings:
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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